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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**EVANSVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR  
USING FALSE ID TO ACQUIRE FIREARM**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JAMES D. DEVAULT, 21, of Evansville, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for using false identification to acquire a firearm and receiving a firearm while charged with a felony, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Evansville Police Department.

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The indictment alleges that in October of 2002, DEVAULT purchased a firearm from an Evansville pawn shop using the identity of another individual. In a second count of the indictment, it is alleged that DEVAULT was prohibited from receiving a firearm in October of 2002 because felony charges were pending against him in the Vanderburgh County Superior Court at that time.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, DEVAULT faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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